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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that the

following reference, which is also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, be made of record in the above-identified case.

 Japanese Patent Application Laid-open No. Sho 61-293417 published December 24, 1986 together with English language translation of Scope of Claim for a Patent.

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The reference listed above was cited in an Official Action dated May 27, 2008 received from the Japanese Patent Office. Applicant is submitting a copy of the above reference, together with a copy of the Official Action. The reference has been cited in the Official Action.

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